AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A system for facilitating volume pricing, comprising:

an offers and orders component that receives and aggregates orders for a product from a plurality of buyers; and

a logistics component that determines a shipping price for the product for a subset of the plurality of buyers, the shipping price being determined at least in part upon the subset of buyers sharing a shipping method.

2. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a catalog component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages a listing of a plurality of products.

3. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a users and groups component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages information of a plurality of users of the system.

4. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising an access control component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages access to a plurality of features of the system.

5. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a messaging component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages communication between the system, other systems, and a plurality of users of the system.

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6. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a terms and conditions component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages agreements between users of the system as to business terms and conditions.

7. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a blanket pricing component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages agreements between buyers and sellers as to product prices.

8. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a product relationships component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages relationships between at least one of a plurality of products and another of the plurality of products.

9. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, the relationship between at least one of the plurality of products and another of the plurality of products ~~being~~ is a byproduct relationship.

10. (Currently amended) The system of claim 8, the relationship between at least one of the plurality of products and another of the plurality of products ~~being~~ is a product family relationship.

11. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising a RFQ/RFO/RFP component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages quote, offer, and product requests for a plurality of products.

12. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising an invoicing component ~~operable to manage~~ that manages system accounts.

13. (Currently amended) The system of claim 1, further comprising an agents component ~~operable to perform~~ that performs routine tasks and to provide decision support for the plurality of buyers and a plurality of sellers.

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14. (Currently amended) The system of claim 13, the agents component ~~including~~ includes a seller agent and a buyer agent.

15. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, the seller agent ~~utilizing~~ utilizes historical data to determine a pricing strategy for at least one of a plurality of products with respect to at least one of the plurality of buyers.

16. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, the seller agent ~~operable to determine~~ that determines details that at least one of the plurality of sellers should include in an offer to achieve maximum profits.

17. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, the seller agent ~~operable to determine~~ that determines a production schedule for at least one of the plurality of sellers.

18. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, the buyer agent ~~utilizing~~ utilizes historical data to assist at least one of the plurality of buyers in finding a best buy for at least one of a plurality of products.

19. (Currently amended) The system of claim 14, the buyer agent ~~operable to automatically create~~ that automatically creates an order for at least one of a plurality of products for at least one of the plurality of buyers.

20-42. (Cancelled)

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43. (Currently amended) A system for volume pricing, comprising:

    a server configured to receive orders for a product from a plurality of different buyers via at least one remote computer system, the server comprising:

        a processor;

        a memory coupled to the processor, the memory ~~storing~~ stores a first price schedule and a second price schedule, the first price schedule ~~operable to~~ determines a first price for the product for at least one of the plurality of different buyers and the second price schedule ~~operable to~~ determines a second price for the product for the other plurality of different buyers; ~~and~~

        a network interface coupled to the processor for transmitting and receiving data with at the least one remote computer system; and

        a computer-implemented logistics component that determines a shipping price for a good based on aggregative pricing for a plurality of buyers, the shipping price being determined at least in part upon the plurality of buyers sharing a shipping method.

44. (Currently amended) The system of claim 43, the first and second price schedules ~~varying~~ in accordance with a total quantity of product ordered.

45. (Currently amended) The system of claim 43, the first and second price schedule ~~varying~~ in accordance with time.

46. (Currently amended) The server of claim 43, the server ~~being configured to~~ provides the plurality of different buyers access to view at least one of the first and second price schedules via one or more of the at least one remote ~~computer~~ computer system.

47. (Currently amended) The ~~server~~ system of claim 43, the server ~~being configured to~~ limits a period during which orders for the product are accepted to an open session period.

48-56 (Cancelled)

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57. (New) The system of claim 43, the first and second price schedule vary in accordance with at least one of special offers and coupons possessed by at least one buyer of the plurality of buyers

58. (New) The system of claim 43, the first and second price schedule vary in accordance with buyer status.

59. (New) The system of claim 44, the total quantity is based in part on a conditional order where a buyer agrees to place an order if the price drops below a specified level.

60. (New) The system of claim 44, the total quantity is based in part on a conditional order where buyer agrees to place an order if the aggregative pricing reaches a certain percentage discount.

61. (New) The system of claim 43, the server provides a plurality of private business forums that offer products for sale in accordance with differing price schedules.

62. (New) The system of claim 43, the server provides an order web page that enables the seller to provide information to the seller, the information is at least one of purchase order number, quantity of product, product options, billing information, shipping information, coupon information, and gift certificate information.

63. (New) The system of claim 43, further comprising a security component that manages access to the server.

64. (New) The system of claim 63, the security component assigns disparate buyers different permission levels, the disparate permission levels allow buyers varying levels of activity.

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65. (New) The system of claim 64, the varying levels of activity comprising read permissions, edit permissions, place order permissions, administrator permissions, and override permissions.

66. (New) The system of claim 43, further comprising a messaging module that enables communication between buyers and a remote computer system.

67. (New) The system of claim 66, the messaging module communicates via at least one of email, fax, mobile devices, instant message devices, bulletin boards, and a buyer homepage.

68. (New) The system of claim 43, the memory stores a blanket pricing module that provides discount pricing to a buyer.

69. (New) The system of claim 43, the memory stores an agent module that uses at least one of historical data and buyer input data to suggest a function to a buyer.